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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to  
3 learn of the death of Gerald C. "Jerry" Stapel of Toulon, who  
4 passed away on May 6, 2013; and

5 WHEREAS, Gerald Stapel was born on May 7, 1928, in  
6 Phillips, Wisconsin, to Frederick and Charlotte Kasper Stapel;  
7 he entered the U.S. Army in December 1950 and served with the  
8 7th Infantry Division in Korea during 1951 and 1952; he was  
9 awarded the Korean Service Medal with 3 Bronze Stars and the  
10 United States Service Medal; he married Audrey Gerard on March  
11 29, 1954, in Kewanee; and

12 WHEREAS, Gerald Stapel graduated from the Illinois School  
13 of Banking at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and  
14 from the School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin at  
15 Madison and began working at State Bank of Toulon as a  
16 bookkeeper in 1953; he became assistant cashier in 1958 and was  
17 elected to the board of directors and presidency in 1970; he  
18 retired from the bank in 1990, but continued as a member of the  
19 board of directors until 2000; and

20 WHEREAS, Gerald Stapel was a member and past president of  
21 the Toulon VFW Post #8825 and a member of the Toulon American  
22 Legion Post #416; he attended the Toulon United Methodist

1 Church; and

2 WHEREAS, Gerald Stapel liked to give back to his community  
3 and was part of several civic organizations; he was one of the  
4 organizers of the Stark County Health Center and Sunshine  
5 Village; he was active in the Old Settlers' Association where  
6 he was co-chairman of Toulon's 150th anniversary celebration;  
7 he served on the board of Kewanee Hospital and the Black Hawk  
8 East Foundation; he was past president of the Toulon Grade  
9 School Board of Education, the Toulon Chamber of Commerce, and  
10 the Toulon Lions Club; he served 17 years as Toulon City Clerk  
11 and was Treasurer of the Stark County Republican Central  
12 Committee; and

13 WHEREAS, Gerald Stapel was inducted into the Black Hawk  
14 East Wall of Fame in September 1998; he enjoyed spending time  
15 with his grandchildren and going to the NCAA Final Four  
16 basketball games with his son and grandsons for many years; and

17 WHEREAS, Gerald Stapel was preceded in death by his  
18 parents; his brothers, Edmond, Don, and Willie Stapel; and his  
19 sister, Virginia King; and

20 WHEREAS, Gerald Stapel is survived by his wife, Audrey; his  
21 son, Jerry J. (Cindy) Stapel; his grandchildren, Christopher,  
22 Jonathan (Mary), and Bethany Stapel; his great-granddaughter,

1 Anna Bryn Stapel; his brother, Fred Stapel; his sister, June  
2 (Irvin) Lampson; and his brother-in-law, Orville King;  
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
6 Gerald C. Stapel, and extend our sincere condolences to his  
7 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to the family of Gerald Stapel as an expression of  
11 our deepest sympathy.